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In re application of ) Examiner Gail Kaplan Verbitsky  
Robert B. Hosler et al. ) Group Art Unit 2859  
Serial No. 10/672,462 ) Atty. Docket No. 02-1908  
Confirmation No. 9744 ) ESCM 370108-00097  
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For Molten Cryolitic Bath Probe ) Expedited Procedure  
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Amendment

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Amendment After Final Rejection

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Rejection Office Action dated February 7, 2005, in connection with the above-captioned application.

The Office Action has been carefully reviewed. Claims 1-5 and 7-8 stand already allowed if rewritten to overcome 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections. The following response is offered in an attempt to advance all the claims to allowance. Reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks is courteously requested.